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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPAT, ESP@CB, USPTO: vent, chill, block, casting

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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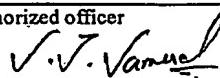
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